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**Caledonian Mercury:**

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**An Account of all the most considerable NEWS,  
Foreign and Domestic.**

Edinburgh, Thursday, January 23, 1724.

From the Evening Post, January 18th, 1724.

Vienna, Jan. 18.

**T**H E Emperor often takes the Diversion of Hunting with the young Prince of Lorraine, and continues giving great Demonstrations of Affection for him.

Petersburg, Decem. 24. The Imperial Crown for the Czariana's Coronation is sent under a strong Guard to Moscow: Their Majesties will go thither shortly; the great Officers of State are already set out for their respective Posts. The Army of regular Troops under the Command of Prince Galiczin in Persia, consists of 22 Regiments of Foot and 2 of Dragoons, of 2500 Men each; besides whom he has a Multitude of Calmucks, that under the Command of Prince Menzikoff, is composed of 30 Regiments of Foot and 5 of Horse; so that this Army will be about 100000 Men strong, and the other in Persia, about 80000 Men.

Hague, Jan. 1. The Summs borrowed on the Jewels of the E. of Bavaria at Amsterdam, being still unpay'd, tho' he lately gave Hopes he would, to the States Minister at Ratisbon, who had set out from hence to Munich to sollicite this Affair; Measures are taken to proceed to the Sale of the said Jewels on the 3d of next Month, pursuant to the Notice given publickly in the Gazettes.

London, Jan. 18. The Lords are Adjourned to Tuesday next, and the Commons, to Monday.

The Lowestaff, a 6th Rate Ship, lately built at Portsmouth, is ordered to be put in Commission.

Mr. Gordon, Son to the Watchmaker of that Name in Ludgate-street, is chosen Professor of Music at Gresham College, in the Room of Dr. Shippen, deceas'd.

This Day at Noon S.S. Stock was 120, 1 half. Annuities, 102. Bank, 128, 3 4ths. India, 148, 3 4ths. African, 27. York Buildings, 12.

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*From the Flying Post, January 16th 1724.*

Paris, January 19. 'Tis said, That the King has ordered a Register to be made for him, in which he intends to sign the most important Resolutions of Council, on Purpose to be better acquainted with the Affairs of Government, without depending on his Ministers. The Duke of Bourbon, whose assiduous Application to the publick Business, and whose great Zeal for the Welfare of his Country, has won him the Hearts of all the Subjects small and great, proposes to ease them of the Poll-Tax about June next; and they say that he has made a Motion in Council for the Recall of Mr. Le Blanc, because he knows no Body who so well understands the Business of the War-Office, but others think it will be executed by Commissioners. Mr. Horace Walpole has frequent Conferences with M. D. Armentonville Secretary of State, but the Subject of his Commission is, as it ought to be, an entire Secret to the Publick. The India Company has desired the King to order the Marshal de Tesse to make fresh Proposals to the King of Spain in Favour of their Company. The Pope's Nuncio has procured the Brief from Rome against the appealing Bishops, but the Government won't let it be put in Execution. When Marshal de Villeroy received the Letter, whereby the King recalls him to Court, he returned for Answer, That he thought it his Duty to wait on his Majesty with all Speed, but that he could not possibly undertake the Journey in the Winter, by Reason of his great Age.

Hague, January 18th. We hear from Cologn, That the Nobility and Towns of that Arch-Bishoprick have sent a Deputation to present the Elector with the usual free Gift of 10000 Crowns. And from Brussels, That High-way Men swarm about Audenard, and that betwixt that Place and Geestbergen, they robb'd the Receiver of an Abbey, of 300 Florins, and then buried him alive in a Hole up to his Neck, leaving his Head covered with Leaves, which a Huntsman perceiving, took him out, but in two Hours after he died. Many People have been lately carried off at Vienna by Apoplexies. Three of the new India-Company's Ships ly at Ostend, ready to sail with the first fair Wind, for Bengal and China.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, January 16th, 1724.*

Petersburg, Dec. 20. By the Express which arrived here the 5th Instant from Constantinople we are informed, That our Minister still continues there, but that he dares neither appear at Court, nor see any of the Turkish Ministers, and what the Porte transacts in the Persian Affairs is now communicated only to the French Ambassador, who has been desired in the Name of the Sultan, to procure the Czar's final Resolution concerning several weighty Matters; and this is the Reason why the said Express has been dispatched hither, who in a few Days will be sent back agian to our Minister, with Orders, as it is thought, to return home. A Regiment of Horse is going to be raised for the young Czarowitz, who is likely to be declared, after the Coronation, Hereditary Prince of Great Russia. His Majesty has nominated Prince Menzikoff Colonel of his Life-Guards,

of

of which he is to take Possession at his Arrival at Petersburg ; and his Regiment of Dragoons is given to Count Kyken. His Czarish Majesty has appointed the young Prince Romanzoff to go Ambassador to the Court of Vienna, with Directions to make a Stop at Warsaw till the Diet meets, in order to demand and insist upon the Payment of the two Millions, which the Czar still claims of the Crown of Polland : However it is reported, that his Czarish Majesty would desist from his Pretensions, provided the King and the Senate of Polland wave their Rights upon the Dutchy of Courland, and make them over to the Czar ; mean while, the Duke of Courland has made and sent a solemn Protestation against that Session, both to the King of Polland and to Petersburg. The last Advices from Moscow mention, That Abundance of the greater and lesser Nobility are arrived there, not only to assist at the Czar's Entry but also to pay into the Bank which is erecting here, the Sums of Money demanded of them. We hear that the two Persians lately taken up, had been in that City for the Space of six Months, and pretended to have fled their Country to avoid the Fury of Meriweys; but they are found out to be Meriweys Spies, and we are informed that many more of them are dispersed in several Places of Russia.

*Rome, January 18th.* The Pretender has lately received several Expresses from Cardinal Alberoni, about the Affairs that relate to him, and after several private Conferences with his Friends, they were returned with a satisfactory Answer.

The Speech that his Holiness made in the Consistory, held about the Proceedings against the said Cardinal, after having first heard the Opinions of the other Cardinals, was to the following Effect ; That the Time allotted by his said Eminency as a Sort of Penance being elapsed, he thought it was Time to put an End to that weighty Affair, upon the same Foot as it had been delivered by the Commissioners, and that for the Future they must look upon him as one of their Brethren. As soon as these Words were spoken, all the Cardinals that were present, express'd their Joy for the same. It has been observed, That all the Cardinals of the Spanish and Italian Factions were present at this Consistory, excepting only his Eminence Aquaviva, who is sick of the Gout. As soon as the Cardinals went out of the Consistory, they immediately sent their Gentlemen to compliment his Eminency Alberoni. From Noon to Night he paid Visits to the Family of the present Pope, and then to those of the last. Two Days ago the Prince Borghese sent his Holiness by M. de Giudici, a Crucifix of Gold, weighting eight Pounds, with two small Angels artificially made, of the Stone Lazulli. The Pontiff in Return sent him a very inconsiderable Present, consisting only of a few Baskets of Conserves.

*Zurich, January 13th.* 4300 Gilders have been collected in the Churches of this City during the Christmass Holy-Days; for the Poor, and 900 Gildets more are received of several free Gifts. The raising of tall Fellows for the King of Prussia begins to be carried on here more vigorously than formerly; and the Officers design to prosecute the same till Easter, when they will return to Berlin with the Men they have got.

*Paris, Janury 19th.* A certain young Lady, which has been from her Infancy under the Care and Education of Madam de Hautefort, is lately discovered to be the only Daughter and Heirels of the deceas'd Duke and Dutches

Duchess of Chorlewil, in which Quality she has summon'd the Duke of Leay who succeeded and heire her Parents, to come in with his Pretensions, and shew his Title to the Estate of her Family, which he has enjoyed these several Years, and this Lady's Case is to be pleaded the next Court-Day.

*London, January 16th.* His Majesty hath been pleased to appoint Horatio Walpole Esq; to be his Envoy extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary at the Court of France.

It is said that a Bill will be presented to this present Parliament for lowering the Duties on Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Brandy, Rum, Arrack &c. in order to prevent the running of these Comodities, and defrauding the Government of the legal Customs thereof.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 18.*

**L**E T T E R S from Petersburg of the 23th past say, That the Express which arrived from Constantinople, was dispatched back again with Orcers for their Minister at the Porte, to continue there till the Rupture is broke out, which some however are of Opinion will not, because the Turkish Militia (as they say) are unwilling to fight against the Russians, by Reason of the vast Deserts and difficult Passages between the two Empires, where no sufficient Subsistence is to be had, either for Man or Horse; they give also other Reasons against the Commencement of a Rupture by the Porte, particularly that it is probable that the Turks as well as the Christians will wisely consider, that the Fortune and Issue of War is uncertain, and that according to an antient Tradition superstitiously held by the Musiti, the Porte is to take Heed of engaging in a War against Russia, it being likely, as the said Tradition represents, that the Czar through his good Success, may make himself Master of Constantinople, subdue afterwards the whole Ottoman Power, and re-establish the antient Greek Empire. But notwithstanding all this, the Advices which we have had from Constantinople, do fully evince that the Porte is thoroughly bent on a War with the Czar, unles the latter abandons his new Conquests in Persia. Which on the other Hand he is resolved not to part with upon any Account.

They write from Vienna, That great Sums of Money have been, and still are carried into the Bank erected in that City, upon an Interest of six *per cent*, but such as hereafter shall be carried into the said Bank, shall receive only five *per cent*. In the mean Time 'tis wrote from Lisbon, that the Emperor's two Men of War which conveyed into the Tagus the Merchant-Ships from Trieste, are to return furthwith to their Ports, and the said Merchants-Ships are to be sold at Lisbon to the highest Bidder: So that there is an End of this Trade which the Germans proposed to have carried on with great Advantage, and there is Reason to believe the Trade of the Ostenders to the East Indies, will in Proces of Time meet with not much better Succeſs.

We had an Account Yesterday from the Downs, that the Ships there rode safe, ho' tthe Wind continued to blow very hard. But we have the bad News, that a Vessel bound from Newcastle to London, Capt Pocuck, was lost in the last high Winds, between Harwich and the River Thames, as also 6 other Ships in Yarmouth Roads.

A Person was Yesterday committed to Newgate, for erasing a Bank-note of 20 L. making it 620 L. The Fraud was detected in this Manner; The Forger went to Mr. Williday's Toy-shop in St. Paul's Church-yard, and buying 525 L. worth of Gold and Silver Toys, gave him the Note, and desir'd the Superplus of 95 L. which Mr. Williday readily gave him: But before he sent home the Toys, he happened to go to the Bank

Bank to enquire about the Note, which appeared to be but 20 L. and to be erased, as afore mentioned. The Cheat did not think fit to come or send for the Toys; however, he was fortunately seized 3 Days after, and 'tis thought will suffer exemplary Punishment. He also attempted to defraud a Mercer in Ludgate-hill of a large Quantity of Brocades, and is reckoned to be so great an Artist in his Way, and likewise being a Frenchman, is suspected to be one of Cartouche's Gang. He goes by the Title of Baron Losdell.

Yesterday the Commons after having ordered the Call of their House, pursuant to a Motion of Mr. Hungerford to be the 4th of February next, and likewise reading a Petition of the insolvent Debtors in the Jail within the Burgh of Burry, St. Edmonds, adjourned to Munday. Mr. Butler a near Relation of the late Duke of Ormond, having been taken into Custody, was this Week examined at the Cock-pit, and discharged.

The Discourse of Mr. Treby being to be made a Lord, is revived. The Duke of Leeds was last Thursday discharged, and a Pardon is passing the Seals for him. John Lee Esq; has carried his Election for South-wark. S. S. 122. S. Sea Annuity 102.

*Haddington, January 17, 1724.*

Best Wheat, L. 7. sh. 18.	2d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 10.	3d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 06
Best Bear, L. 08. sh. 00.	2d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 14.	3d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 12
Best Oats, L. 06. sh. 12.	2d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 10.	3d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 06
Best Pease, L. 06. sh. 16.	2d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 12,	3d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 08

## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

**T**HAT the Lands and Barony of Thornidykes lying within the Parish of Woolstruthers and Sheriffdom of Berwick, is to be exposed to Sale by a publick voluntary Roup, in the House of Arthur Reid Vintner in Edinburgh, upon Thursday the sixth of February, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, between the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon; the Rental whereof is wholly in Money, and extends to 2393 L. 13 sh. 4 d, besides Kain, and the Service of winning of Peats by the Tenants, who are bound to leave Steel-bow-Straw. The Lands hold of the Sovereign I axward, the Duties are pretty easy, the Rental may be considerably improved; there is no Stipend paid to the Minister, the Tiends being valued at 108 L. yearly, payable to a Tackisman: And the Heretor near 30 Years since, obtained a Decree of Sale. The School-Master's Fee is 8 L. Scots, and the Cefs is 13 L. 7 sh. per Month. The Lands are furnished with a commodious scated Mansion-house, and good Office-Houses, with a Garden, and two Gras-Yards not to be rented. It lies a Mile from the Parish Church, fifteen Miles from Berwick upon Tweed, on the East, 12 Miles from Caldstream, and nine Miles from Kelso on the South, three Miles from the Burgh of Lauderdale on the West, and seven Miles from the Town of Dunce on the North-East. The Person concerned in the Roup ( who is to be found in the Laigh-Coffee-House in Edinburgh ) will satisfie any Buyer concerning the Progress of Rights, the Rental of each Farm, with the Conditions of Sale, &c.

**S**TOLLEN or Stray'd out of the Stable of Mr. Joseph Coalpits in new Castle upon Tyne, in the Night-Time, between the 14th and 15th of January 1724, a chefnut Mare about fourteen Hands and a Half high, having a white Snip upon her Face, and having had a Wern or Wart cut off just above one of her Eyes, and having a few white Hairs upon one of her Buttocks, near the Ridge, with a switch'd Tail, trots all, and is about 8 Tears old; whoever brings the said Mare, or any Account thereof, so as to be restored back again to the said Joseph Coalpits in Newcastle, shall have two Guineas Reward, and reasonable Charges, to enquire at the Author of this Paper.

By

By Order of the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty.

[+] That the Ship Margaret and Euphamia of Leith, whereof Captain Charles Straiton, and afterwards Captain David Daes were Commanders, Burden 110 Tuns or thereby, now lying in the Harbour of Leith, with her whole Rigging, Apareling & Furniture, in the Condition it is in at present, (to be examined by all such as have mind to bid for the same, for their own Satisfaction) is to be expos'd to Sale by public Roup in the said High Court of Admiralty at Edinburgh, on Friday the Seventh Day of February next, 1724, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 3 Afternoon. The Inventory, qualified as aforesaid, and Conditions of Sale, to be seen at the Admiralty Chamber.

[¶] Stollen or Strayed out of the Shielfield, within the Liberties of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, in the Night-time, between the 14 & 15 of January instant, 1724; a strong dark-grey Mare, about six Years old, wide-eard, about 14 Hands and an half high, having her far-hind-foot white, and her Mane and Tail long: Whoever brings the said Mare to the Author of this Paper, or to the Owner Joseph Wetherhead in Newcastle, shall have one Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.

¶ The COLD BATH belonging to the College of Physicians, being now in the Doctors Hands, is newly repaired, and made much more convenient and useful than formerly; and some Physicians will daily attend, to see every Thing belonging to it in good Order.

[||] Whereas there having been a former Advertisement published and continued in the News-papers for some Time, concerning the Creditors of David Earl of Northesk, for Signing of the Submission, and Producing their Interests; and Mr. John Ogilvie of Balbegno and Mr. John Forbes of Newhall, Advocates, Arbiters in the Submission, being met, and the Creditors, Signing and Producing their Interests, being present by themselves or their Doers, and insisting to be preserr'd according to their Interests produc'd: The saids Arbiters continued the Consideration thereof until the Fourteenth Day of February next, that the other Creditors might have Time to give in their Interests; and appointed this Advertisement to be made in the News-papers: With Certification, That they will then proceed in the Ranking, according to their Powers in the Submission.

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